

# SUN BEAMS

by WALTER M. BARRETT

Occasionally we hear someone express impatience at the apparent lack of enthusiasm which greets our efforts to provide a winter sports program for Truckee. In our opinion there is little justification for this attitude. Any industry or business—and our winter sports may well be classified as a business—that is permitted to stand dormant for a year while businesses of a parallel nature are developing and expanding in the neighborhood, is not likely to regain its former standing overnight. The winter season to date has seen a marked return to our former high rating among winter sports centers and everything has been done and it being done to further this return. While the crowds to visit Truckee thus far during the season have not been as large as they were two or three years ago, it must be agreed that they are being provided with a good program and that the word they will take back to their respective towns will be boosts. We find no reason for impatience or discontent, but rather we see in the present progress a healthy condition which, if continued, will certainly put us back in the front ranks where we rightly belong.

We often think what a power lies in our two service clubs, the Rotary and Lions International. There we have 60 to 65 able businessmen representing a cross section of the whole region; men devoted to development and the welfare of their district. Through a unified effort, with each man assuming his part, we can picture many mutual advantages which might be gained, and we look forward to the time when a program worthy of their efforts may test our contention. We feel confident it could not fail.

Unfortunately we have no control over the weather. If we had we would certainly not have ordered rain when the 100 or more East Bay Rotarians paid us a visit Monday. The uncanny part of the matter was that before they arrived and after they left, we enjoyed nice fluffy snow in which we as a winter sports center take justified pride. We hope the visitors will believe that rain at this season of the year is truly unusual. Our snow pack now is ideal for skiing or other forms of winter sports, the unwelcome rain acting only as a damper for the brief period on Monday.

## BOCA & LOYALTON R.R. HISTORY IS TOLD

At one time it was possible to travel from Truckee to Portola via Boca and Loyalton by train, according to information from the Association of American Railroads.

The Boca and Loyalton Railroad was chartered by the state legislature on September 5, 1900 and was opened from Boca to Beckwith, Plumas county, in 1902. By June 30, 1916, the road extended from Boca to Portola, a distance of 45.1 miles. On the latter date it owned 6.19 miles of sidings, spurs and other auxiliary trackings. The equipment consisted of five locomotives and 21 cars of various types.

Less than 15 years after it was chartered—June 9, 1915—the Boca and Loyalton was insolvent and passed into the hands of the receivers. It was sold under foreclosure on September 8, 1916, to the Western Pacific Railroad.

The line is still maintained from Portola to Loyalton via Beckwith but the road bed from Boca to Loyalton has been torn up and a good portion of it covered by the big back-water of the Boca reservoir.

So, the trip that used to consume 53.1 railroad miles from Truckee to Portola now takes nearly 300, via Sacramento.

## Tahoe, Big Bend Men Are On Panel for Grand Jury

Joe King, Lake Tahoe real estate and resort man, and John R. Hodgson of Big Bend were the only potential Placer county grand jurors drawn in the 1941 panel list from this region. The jury will be chosen this week in superior court under the direction of Judge P. B. Landis.

There are 60 names representing various precincts of the county on the panel.

### On Jaunt—

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Loynd are visiting in the bay region for two weeks.

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Established in 1869

## Suit Started To Determine City Petition

### Typographical Error Leads To Filing of Friendly Court Action

#### HEARING TOMORROW

### Efforts Being Made to Get Incorporation Matter To a Vote

A friendly civil suit to determine whether or not a minor discrepancy in the proposed boundary description involving the petition for incorporation of the City of Truckee will affect the document's legality will be heard in the superior court before Judge George L. Jones tomorrow. C. B. White, acting for the Truckee chamber of commerce, is the plaintiff in the action brought against County Clerk R. N. McCormack as clerk of the board of supervisors.

The petitioners, in drawing up the document, made a typographical error which in fact kept the southeast corner of the proposed municipality from closing. While the error was obviously not intentional, Clerk McCormack declined to report to the board of supervisors that it was correct. He said the petition was given him on May 1 for his survey of the required number of signers and the correct boundaries. He reported back on May 11, he said, that the error had been made.

This fact led to the lengthy delay in bringing the matter before the court for a decision, the district attorney joining in not wishing to accept the petition with its typographical error.

The suit was filed by H. Ward Sheldon, attorney for the plaintiffs who besides Mr. White are the 61 other signers.

In a letter to Mr. White this week, Sheldon said that a survey had been made and it was found that the required number of property owners had signed the petition.

The suit, Sheldon indicated, wasn't expected to draw any opposition as it is simply an action to eliminate any further delay in the procedure by having the petition verified as it was intended to be when drawn up and signed by the local taxpayers.

A writ of mandate which would require the clerk to report the petition favorably before the board of supervisors is asked by the plaintiffs. The action also would absolve the clerk and others concerned from taking any individual responsibility in the matter.

## Two Men Shifted to Norden by Railroad

J. R. Blair of Roseville has been transferred to Norden as ticket clerk for the Southern Pacific during the Winter sports season, it was announced this week. Blair replaces F. Ringwald who was shifted to Roseville. Among other transfers out of the western Placer county city was Ed O'Brien to Norden.

## Coroner Still Sheriff As Board Fails to Appoint

Coroner Francis West is still acting sheriff of Placer county following the failure of the board of supervisors to make the appointment at its meeting Monday.

The matter was laid on the table until January 28 on the motion of Supervisor John Boyington, a possible successor to the late Elmer H. Gum.

### TRANSFERRED

George Haines, highway patrolman in Placer county, was transferred to the East Shore highway, Alameda county, this week by Patrol Chief E. Raymond Cato to aid in handling increased traffic resulting from the opening of the new race track at Albany.

Jack Sanders, student at the Sacramento Junior College, has been visiting for a week with his brother Oran Sanders and family.

## ONE-GIRL TEAM OF TAHOE SCHOOL WINS SECOND IN SKI MEET

On the strength of Miss Helen Worden's showing, the Tahoe high school ski team captured second in the girls' section of the I.S.F. ski meet Saturday on Mt. Rose. Rene won both the girls' and boys' sections of the meet. In the boys' meet Tahoe placed seventh, one place ahead of Truckee.

In girls' downhill Miss Worden finished fourth in 4:35 and was first in slalom in 41.0 flat.

Richard Carnell of Tahoe placed 8th in boys' downhill with Dave Bolender of Truckee 16th; Jim Thomas, Truckee, 24th; and Pete Vanni, Tahoe, 29th. In slalom Carnell placed second, Vanni, 14th; Thomas, 29th, and Harry Digesti of Truckee, 31st.

## FORMER PUPILS OF LOCAL GIRL VISIT IN TRUCKEE SAT.

Miss Amelia Zorich, who has been ill for the past year, was afforded a most pleasant surprise Saturday when 14 of her former high school students, at Wells, Nev., made a special trip to Truckee to visit her. While teaching at Wells, Miss Zorich endeared herself to the students and as a gesture of their appreciation and respect, they drove here to wish her a speedy recovery. After a brief but pleasant visit at the Zorich home, the group returned to Nevada.

Miss Zorich, who was quite ill for many months, is showing a decided improvement and her many friends are hopeful that she will soon return to her normal good health.

## K. P., SISTERS HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION; FIRST IN 62 YEARS

For the first time in the 62 years of Pythianism here, the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters held a joint installation of officers at the Odd Fellows hall last Friday night.

Summit Lodge No. 54, K. of P., installed R. B. Tonini as chancellor commander and Summit Temple No. 79, Pythian Sisters, put in Mrs. Pearl Heller of Meeks Bay as most excellent chief. Tonini's subordinate staff will be made up of Heslin Cardinal, vice chancellor; Nat Quilici, prelate; Harold Laity, master at arms; J. F. Litchberger, master of finance; R. W. Seibold, master of exchequer; W. M. Englehart, Sr., keeper of records and seal; Fred Kohler, master of work; Frank Giovannoni, inner guard; and W. D. Barrett, outer guard.

Other officers of the Sisters will be Laura Gaennie, past chief; Beverly Tonini, senior; Dorothy Garibaldi, junior; Violet Garner, manager; Rita Oroz, mistress of records and correspondence; Julia Ciradella, mistress of finance; Alvah Tonini, protector and Gladys Dolley, outer guard.

A. P. Fontana, F. W. Gaennie and O. T. Schumacher acted on behalf of the grand lodge in installing for the Knights while Mrs. Ben Tonini, Mrs. Fred Kohler and Mrs. Essie Polyanich were the installing officers for the Sisters.

## Homer Hixson Named To Head C.S.E.A. Unit

Homer Hixson has been elected president of the Donner Chapter of the California State Employees Association, it was revealed following a count of the ballots last week. Hixson is stationed at the Donner Summit.

Other officers elected included William Hardin of Sierraville, vice president; Mel Hayes of the quarantining station, secretary, and Oscar Beach, sergeant at arms.

### FIREMEN MEET

Members of the Truckee Fire Department held their regular dinner meeting Tuesday night at the Donner Hotel. Plans for a ladies' night were discussed but not action taken. Chief N. F. Dolley presided.

### CARD PARTY

Summit Temple No. 79, Pythian Sisters, will hold a card party at the I.O.O.F. hall on the evening of January 21st.

## 150 Rotarians Assemble Here In Annual Meet

### Program is Presented by East Bay Rotary Members

#### ENJOY SKI JUMPING

### Second Annual Pilgrimage To Reno and Truckee Enjoyed

One hundred and fifty Rotarians, representing clubs in the East Bay, Reno and Truckee-Tahoe districts, assembled here Monday evening for the Second Annual Snow Pilgrimage with a noteworthy program climaxing the entertainment.

The clubmen who went from Oakland to Reno Sunday returned here Monday and were guests of the Truckee-Tahoe club headed by President Theodore Schleuter. After an exhibition of ski jumping by four local boys, Harry Digesti, Billy Waters, Jack Sanders and Sam Costa, the group met for the banquet and program at the California.

Carl Zamlock, former Oakland baseball payer, now a magician of more than passing reknown, highlighted the entertainment with uncanny feats of magic. The meeting was opened by Oliver Youngs, president of the Berkeley club which sponsored the trip, introduced Bill Meinheit, meeting chairman, who after a few remarks turned it over to Sam Hume who officiated as master of ceremonies and introduced the entertainers of note. Verne Pearson introduced the four skiers who were guests of the evening.

The meeting was arranged by Cliff Radston, inter-city meeting chairman of the Berkeley club, who was among the speakers.

A feature which attracted favorable comment was the huge snow-sculptured Rotary wheel which graced the foot of the ski hill. This was the work of Fritz Eixman of Tahoe Inn.

## 2478 Names Taken From County Voters' Register

Of the 11,770 voters registered for 1940 election there were 2478 who did not exercise their franchise and in accordance with the law, their names will be dropped from the great register.

R. N. McCormack, ex-officio registrar of voters, has completed the purging of these names from the voters' lists of the county and before they will be able to vote they must re-register.

The number of people who did not take advantage of their constitutional privilege of franchise in the various parties were as follows: Democratic, 1719; Republican, 568; Townsend, 18; Socialist, 7, and "declined to state", 78.

### OUTING CLUB MEET

The Truckee Outing Club met on Tuesday night at the fire station to discuss advertising and publicity beside routine business. Chester Matson was placed in charge of public relations by Yell Nobles who presided.

### TAHOE MAN APPOINTED

H. F. Lewright, owner of the Grove resort at Lake Tahoe, has been appointed as an assistant sergeant at arms in the state assembly. His appointment was sponsored by Assemblyman Allen G. Thurman of this district.

### On Vacation—

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ilardi have left for a two weeks vacation in San Francisco and other California cities. Ilardi is employed at Loynd's Truckee Drug.

The Soda Springs Hotel recently opened a new 60-foot wing to the establishment.

Frank H. Brummund, local Chevrolet dealer, who has been seriously ill in a Reno hospital for the past few weeks, was reported slightly improved this week.

## GREENE TELLS OF IMPROVEMENT OF LOCAL BUSINESS

Lloyd Greene, operator of Lloyd's Variety Store, announces that within the next few days he will be installed in his new store. The work of completely remodeling and refurbishing the Owen's Building, several doors west of the present location of the store, is fast nearing completion and it is hoped by the owner that he can be moved by next week.

Greene is modernizing the store in all details, putting in new lighting systems, new fixtures and other appointments which will make the store more convenient for the public as well as for the clerks. A huge new stock of merchandise is expected to arrive soon to take its place on the shelves and counters for the grand opening, the date of which will be announced next week.

"It is my desire to give to this region a fine, up-to-date variety store", Greene declared. "I believe that when complete, the new store will be the fulfillment of this desire. We are sparing no expense to make the store modern in every detail and invite you to visit us on the opening date to offer approval or criticism."

## 44 PUPILS AT SCHOOL BENEFIT FROM HOT LUNCH PLAN HERE

A total of 44 grammar school pupils are taking advantage of the parents' and students' hot lunch program, made possible by the Surplus Commodities ruling, at the Truckee grammar school here. A hot dish and hot drink is provided each child, the parents assuming the financial obligation. Three volunteers have agreed to assist Ms. Kay D. Long, incharge of the kitchen, and two more are urgently needed.

The school board has provided a table and cabinet for use in the kitchen.

Each Monday at 2:30 p.m. a public meeting is held at the auditorium to discuss the progress and plans of the program and anyone wishing to attend may do so. It was also pointed out that the books are open to the public.

As an example of the menu, the children Monday had baked ham and lima beans with Ovaltine to drink. Tuesday the menu varied and rice, meat and tomatoes with hot chocolate was enjoyed. Creamed fish, bean soup and a hot drink will be served today. It is the object to keep the menus varied and at the same time provide wholesome food.

## Laundry's History Told To Lions by A. Fontana

A. P. Fontana, owner of Fontana's Laundry, told of modern laundry and dry cleaning methods in his talk before the Truckee Lions Club last night. He told of the growth of the local concern from the time it was operated by two people to last year when the peak of the season saw more than 30 employees and the annual payroll exceeded \$12,000.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the Donner Hotel.

## Newsreels Taken Of Snow on Highway 40

The Soda Springs, Sugar Bowl and Rainbow Tavern snow fields will soon receive publicity through the medium of the motion picture newsreels as the result of a recent visit to that area by cameramen.

The Paramount News man, Joe Rucker was the man who filmed the bombing of the Panay last year. He was accompanied by his assistant, Frank Vale, and Ernie King, Associated Press feature writer.

The cameramen and writer were making night shots and the story of the clearing of Highway 40 of the heavy winter snows.

### SON IS BORN

Friends here have learned of the arrival of a baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Darlin in Berkeley. The Darlins are residents of Tahoe City where the former operates an electric store and shop.

## SNOW STATISTICS

(Courtesy of U. S. Forest Service)

Prec. in last storm	1.4 in.
Snow in last storm	13 in.
Prec. in January	3.15 in.
Snow in January	20 in.

Two feet of snow on level today  
Storm due tomorrow  
Skiing and skating conditions ideal

## New Ski Tow Pleases Big Crowd Sunday

### Equipment Declared Good By Those Visiting Here

#### RINK OPERATING

### Donner Summit Busy With Record Crowds At Resorts

Truckee's new up-ski was put into operation over the weekend and enjoyed the patronage of several large groups from Reno, Sacramento and other points besides local users. All Saturday afternoon and Sunday the lift worked without a hitch, according to C. J. Bowers, who is in charge. The ice rink, too, enjoyed a big play and the ice is reported excellent.

While the winter sports enthusiasts who have visited Truckee this season have been fewer in number than two or three years ago, sponsors declare they are well satisfied with the patronage and are particularly pleased with the fine reports which visitors are taking home with them. All pronounce the facilities here much to their liking.

As usual the Donner Summit resorts and ski lodges did a huge business over the week-end. More facilities have been added for the growing throngs and all are being worked to capacity.

Snow conditions are ideal for the coming weekend.

## COUNTY DRAFTEES TO GO FEBRUARY 1st

Selective Service Board No. 22 this week announced that 20 men have been selected for a draft to be sent from Nevada county on February 1. There will be four additional men selected at a later date by the board.

Current plans are to send the men to an induction station at Sacramento. Five of the twenty were volunteers, choosing to serve regardless of their order numbers. The board states that any man whose name is drawn for service may volunteer by appearing at the local board's headquarters on the third floor of the court house in Nevada City.

Local men called in the second draft are Kenneth Siegman of Norden, a volunteer; John Louis Backarich of Norden, Rubin Will and Stanley Watler Powell, both of Truckee.

## Seeks Whereabouts Of Former Hobart Resident

M. E. Hanlon of 759 Buena Vista Avenue, San Francisco, is trying to find some kin or old time friends of M. Keating who some 30 years or so ago was at Hobart Mills. This was the last address available for Keating and Mr. Hanlon is anxious to determine what became of him. He will appreciate hearing from any relatives or friends who can shed light on Keating's whereabouts if he is still alive and to whom he should write in this connection.

## Tahoe Postmaster Gets Gift From Government

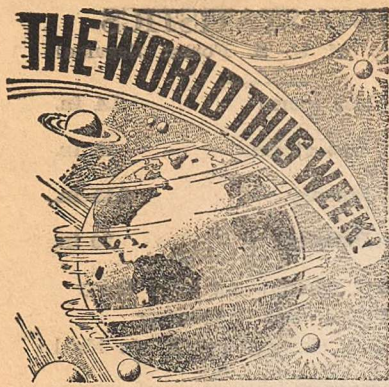
TAHOE CITY—Mrs. Janet Watson, postmaster at Tahoe City, received a fine gift from the post office department recently consisting of a desk set with two life-time Waltham pens as an anniversary remembrance of the 80th year since the founding of the Pony Express in 1860.

The set is engraved with Mrs. Watson's name and bears the picture of the President and the postmaster general. It is made of fine walnut.

### THEATER FEATURE

Starting with Sunday, the Donner Troupe will feature the monthly release of The March of Time, V. C. Shattuck, manager, announced. These authentic pictures will serve to keep the public posted on foreign and domestic affairs.





by ROBERT PATTERSON  
(California Progress Review Writer)

#### NEW BILLIONS FOR DEFENSE

The United States has now proceeded to take off its wraps in the matter of creating for herself the world's most formidable powerhouse of military might. The \$17½ billion budget despatched to Congress asks for more than \$10 billion to be spent on the nation's defense machine beginning the next fiscal year, and more than \$6 billion for the present year. In sum, since the invasion of the low countries and the swift collapse of France startled America out of its lethargy last Spring, the nation's defense bill has climbed to \$23,430,000,000. That figure includes appropriations, authorizations, and the new requests which have just reached Congress, but it does not include additional requests which will be made before this session of Congress is over. The magnitude of these, and forthcoming, expenditures is a measure of the magnitude of the job confronting the nation, a warning hint of heavier sacrifices yet to be

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Attorney at Law

NEVADA CITY, Telephone 273

##### Fraternal

##### TRUCKEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Weekly luncheon held each Monday at noon. Meeting place is posted in The Sierra Sun office window. You are urged to attend.

W. M. BARRETT, president.

LOTTA BRYANT, secretary

##### TRUCKEE LIONS CLUB

Meets every Wednesday evening at 7 P. M. at the California Restaurant.

W. M. ENGLEHART, Jr., Pres  
W. M. ENGLEHART, Sr., Secty.

##### TRUCKEE-TAHOE ROTARY CLUB

Meets Every Monday at 7 P. M. at The California Cafe

Theodore Schleuter, Pres.  
L. A. Greene, Secretary.

##### TRUCKEE POST NO. 439 AMERICAN LEGION

Meets the First Tuesday of Each Month in the Capitol Clubrooms.

HENRY LOEHR, Commander  
VERNON PEARSON, Adjutant

##### SUMMIT LODGE NO. 54 KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Meets Every Friday in Odd Fellows Hall

Visiting Brothers Welcomed  
ROBERT B. TONINI, C.C.

W. M. Englehart, Sr., K. of R. & S.

##### FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES TRUCKEE AERIE NO. 1124

Meets first and third Thursday at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Frank Kinne, Pres.

C. E. Smith, Sect'y

##### Officers of the TRUCKEE LODGE NO. 200 F. & A. M.

R. A. Feathers, W. M.  
G. C. Hofmann, Sect'y

Lodge Meets Every Third Thursday.

##### SUMMIT TEMPLE NO. 79 PYTHIAN SISTERS

Meets Second and Fourth Thursday at Odd Fellows Hall in Truckee

PEARL HELLER, Excellent Chief.  
RITA OROZ, M. R. and C.

borne by all citizens. But it also signals this nation's determination to make itself strong while there is still time for its strength to count.

#### THE ARMY BEGINS TO ROLL

Although Maude the mule and Dobbin the horse are finding room for themselves in Uncle Sam's streamlined army, it's an infinitesimal place they fill compared to 25 years ago. Today the motorization of the nation's land forces has progressed to the extent that Asst. Secretary of War Robert Patterson can report that of the 27 divisions in the continental United States, 25 now rely entirely upon motor transport for tactical operations and supply. A complete quota of 186,000 motor vehicles will be required to carry out the motorization policy. Little over a quarter of a century ago, he it noted, the entire U.S. army had scarcely more trucks than a small bakery. In the intervening years, the efficiency, speed and maneuverability of motor transport in peace and war have come to be recognized by all. Today the number has not only multiplied many thousand-fold but the rapid strides of commercial motor transport since they provide a civilian force of more than 3½ million trained and experienced commercial pilots and over 4 million transport units, ready and willing to serve in any emergency. On the vitally important defense question of transport, America luckily has most of the answers ready.

#### WHILE THE AXIS TURNS

In the Balkans and in the windswept desert wastes of Libya, the wheels of the axis have begun to grind slow. Britain's mechanized desert cavalry are repeating at Tobruk the same siege warfare which toppled Bardia and sent Italy's Libyan army fleeing to the west. Meanwhile, with upwards of a third of a million men massed against Bulgaria's frontiers, the Nazis failed to give the expected signal sending their mechanized army pouring into that country. This failure to move was laughed off in Berlin. "It's all part of a plan," they explained. But there was reason to believe Germany's silent partner, Russia, had shaken a reproving finger at any further advances of the Nazi war machine into the Balkans. The shaky partnership between Russia and Germany, being solely one of convenience, is subject to change without notice. If Russia, by making concessions to them, can supply her enemies with enough rope to hang themselves she will have fulfilled her policy. She may, in fact, acquiesce in the seizure of Bulgaria, and bide her time until the gears of the Axis finally jam for good.

#### BONUSES FOR BABIES

Both Italy and Germany have for years given bonuses to young couples in the hope of encouraging early marriages and large families. The scheme has had remarkably little effect in the birth rate. Undismayed, however, Japan has now joined company with her partners and inaugurated an identical subsidy plan to get more babies produced. Clearly, these nations are inconsistent. They excuse their conquests on the ground that they need "living room" for their populations, while at the same time making special efforts to increase their birth rate and, presumably, the perpetual need of more "living room". At any rate only the government, not the people, appears to take these baby bonuses seriously.

#### CALIFORNIA GETS RELIEF

The only declining payroll that could bring California cheer, has, appropriately enough, done just that. During the last six months of 1940, relief costs dropped down 41 per cent compared with that period in 1939. More jobs for relievers are bringing real relief to California.

During 1940, American aircraft manufacturers delivered six times as many planes to Great Britain and Canada as they did in 1939.



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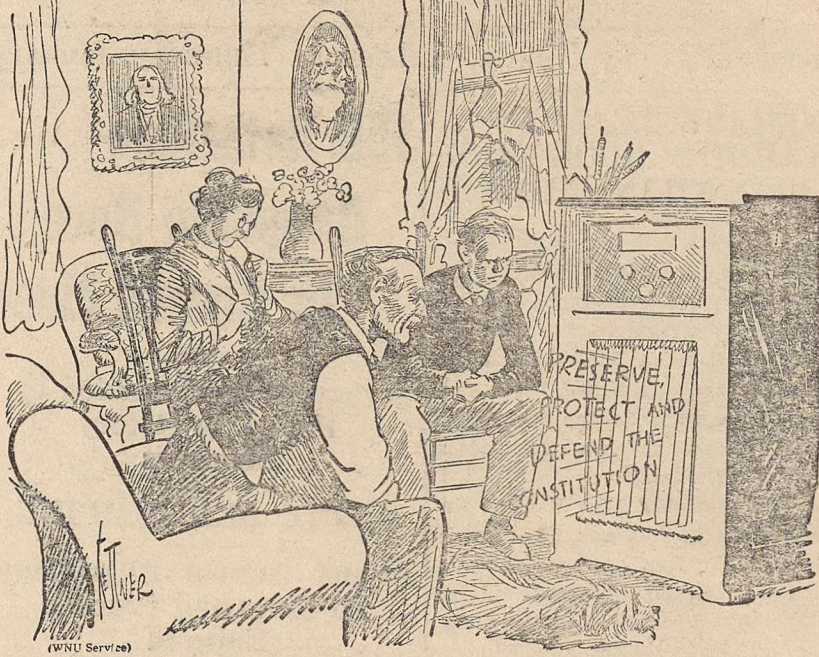
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#### The Inaugural



## EDITORIALS

### CONSIDERING THE CONSTITUTION

The attacks on our constitutional form of government in recent years have been many and varied. A great many of them have been based on the argument that the Constitution, at least as interpreted, tends to work against the interests of the people. The inevitable result of these arguments has been to lead the nation away from a government of laws and toward a government of men.

But the Constitution still stands as a bulwark between the individual and his government—as a protection for the minority against the possible abuses of the majority. A particularly important example of this has just occurred in the state of Oregon.

Some two years ago the voters of Oregon, inflamed by the racketeering tactics of a few labor leaders, which resulted in their imprisonment for long terms, passed a law which, among other things, stringently restricted the right of labor to picket. Labor lawyers at once went to the courts. And finally, the supreme court of the state, with but one justice dissenting, held the law null and void on the grounds that it violated the constitutional provision concerning the exercise of free speech.

The court held that even the people of a sovereign state cannot pass a law which is in any way a contravention of the Constitution which governs us all—that the minority has rights which a majority, no matter how great, can never take away. That decision is based on the very spirit of all that our kind of government stands for. It illustrates the oppression that would be the fate of minorities if the Constitution were weakened or destroyed. And finally, it illustrates how the courts, working under a government of laws, not a government of men, protect the "common man" when his cause is just.

The Constitution stands for liberty for all, justice for all, inviolable rights for all.—Enid (Okla.) News.

### "HOME IS THE WRITER. . ."

For a number of years in the more recent history of this republic, disillusioned by the aftermath of the World War and further dismayed by the impact of depression, many of our leading writers toyed with left-wing ideas that had their origin in the darkest corners of foreign lands. Then things began happening abroad that put a different color on these foreign isms, no matter how attractively they were packaged. And our really sensible authors beat a fast retreat and began to realize anew the virtues of our American system. They suddenly saw that this side of the Atlantic harbored by far the best and happiest life for the individual. In other words, to paraphrase Stevenson's verse, "Home is the writer, home from the sea. . ."

Eloquent testimony of this new appreciation of our own land is found in the following words of one noted playwright, which scarcely need further comment:

"What is our own country? Ours is a vast, sprawling, young nation, composed of men and women of all conceivable racial origins, and all conceivable occupations and habits and points of view. We are by nature easy-going, haphazard, undisciplined and onery. And yet—the building of America has been the most tremendously successful mass achievement in all human history.

"If efficiency is the same as effectiveness, then we are by far the most efficient people on earth.

"When you hear that Mussolini has made the trains run on time, or that Hitler has built a system of military roads all the way from France to Poland, just give the Panama Canal and Boulder Dam and the Imperial Valley of California and the Lincoln Highway and our free school system—and also to that magnificent and enduring structure, the Constitution of the United States. . .

"We are not going to abandon this system of life until we find a better one—and no better system has yet been devised by man or beast."

Of a truth, men are mystically united: a mysterious bond of brotherhood makes all men one. —Thos. Carlyle

Down in their hearts, wise men know this truth: the only way to help yourself is to help others —E. Hubbard

## West Point Of The Air



Final instructions have been given this group of Flying Cadets at Randolph Field, Texas, and now they're off to put into practice the ground training they've received at the Army Air Corps Primary Flying School at Uncle Sam's "West Point of the Air."

Note the parachutes, worn by each cadet and instructor. This aerial life raft is an integral part of every Flying Cadet's equipment, for Army Regulations provide that every person on every flight in every airplane must be supplied with a parachute. Ever since the parachute came into use in the Army Air Corps in 1923, records show there hasn't been a single fatality, in the multitude of emergency jumps, that can be blamed on the failure of the parachute to function.

These Flying Cadets in training at Randolph Field receive \$75 per month together with uniforms, board and lodging, hospitalization when necessary, and other services.

## Churches

### Catholic Church

Rev. William Daly, Priest

TRUCKEE . . . . . 9 A. M.

### Community Church

Rev. G. J. E. Keetch, Minister

SUNDAY SCHOOL . . . . . 10 A. M.

MORNING WORSHIP . . . . . 11 A. M.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE 6P. M.

### Christian Science Service

In all Christian Science churches, branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., a Lesson-Sermon will be read Sunday, January 19, on the subject "Life."

The Golden Text will be: "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." (Revelations 21:6,7). Bible selections will also include the following passages from John 8: 31, 51, 58: "Then said Jesus to those Jews which belived on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; . . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my sayings, he shall never see death. Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."

A passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, will also be included, which reads as follows: "If man did not exist before the material organization began, he could not exist after the body is disintegrated. If we live after death and are immortal, we must have lived before birth, for 11

## Railroadiana

In Montenegro, a Yugoslavian province, there is a train that runs 11 miles in an hour and 20 minutes. A pastime of the peasants is to race the distance with the train which, almost invariably, wins.

Costs of state and local governments in California have multiplied nine times in 30 years.

California ranks first in the 48 states in rural electrification.

Weeds or "alien" plants dominate 25,000,000 acres or a third of California's range lands.

Concrete pouring operations at the Shasta Dam have passed the 500,000 cubic yards mark.

Life ever had any beginning, it must also have an ending, even according to the calculations of natural science" (p. 429).

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## Traveling Around America

### HIDDEN BEAUTY?

THE ugly duckling and the glamour girl had about an even break with the current Don Juans—in the days when the women dressed like this! The all-concealing manto with its accompanying dark skirt, black hose and very unalluring black shoes—was the prescribed street costume for women in South America until little more than a quarter of a century ago. No respectable woman ever appeared on the street in the morning unless swathed in a manto, and none, either married or single, ever left the seclusion of her house unless accompanied.

The manto—no relation at all to the Spanish mantilla—was a shawl-like square, wrapped around the body and held across the face as shown in the accompanying illustration. Those of the poor women were of black cotton but those of the wealthy were made of rich silk with borders elaborately embroidered in black leaves and flowers. Garbed thus, women had little worry about permanent waves, cosmetic shades, or costume color schemes. Yet many of them would have discarded their mantos long before they did—had they dared. The first to defy the edicts of society and the church were women who had lived for a time in Europe. Upon their return, they bravely sallied forth in the morning with very transparent lace veils coquettishly tied over their heads instead of the traditional manto. Everyone was scandalized, and the clergy preached long sermons about this outrage against the doctrines of the church. And then one day a very frivolous girl went to church wear-



Photo Grace Line

ing a hat! This brought even more severe admonitions, and it all finally ended up by women wearing their hats to the door of the church, and there replacing them with veils. Along with the mantos—went the shackles! Travelers visiting Peru and Chile on the fortnightly cruises from New York find the majority of the women in South America living quite as active and independent a life as the women here in the United States.

EDNA MAE STARK.



## Wax Room

### Gossip

by KLISTER

(from The Sugar Bowl)

Saturday afternoon it grew so foggy on Disney Peak that Mrs. Jones, who thought she was skiing with Mr. Smith, was actually swinging it with Mr. Black. What is even funnier, both Mrs. Jones and Mr. Black imagined that they were on the Overland Run, only to discover that they were creeping down the Ridge Route.

Oscar Cyr, one of the most entertaining characters and a competitor in the Silver Belt Trophy championship last year—he hails from Vermont—has been water skiing all summer on Lake Winnepesaukee. Says Oscar, "I can write my name at 40 m.p.h. also Winnepesaukee but keep tripping up on the third 'e'."

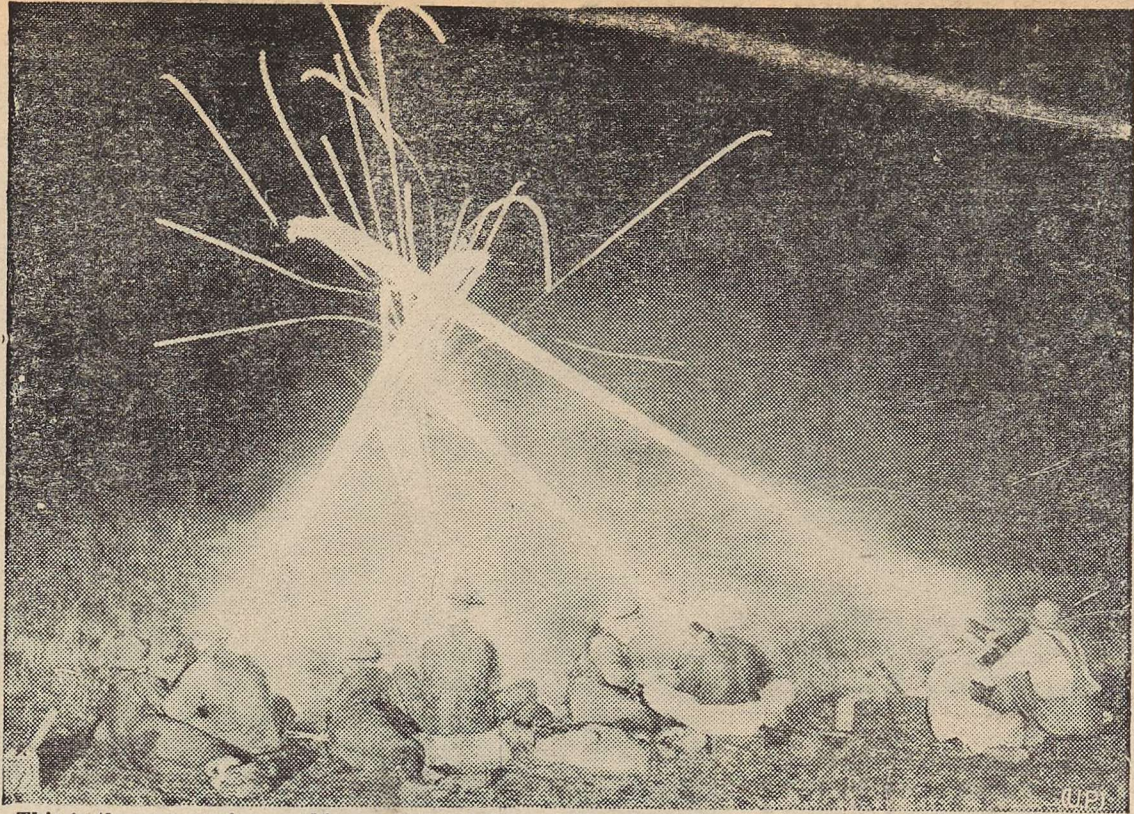
For the first time in the history of the American army since the Indian Wars civilians are being used as scouts and what is more they are all skiers attached to the recently formed ski troops. Most of the men are being taken out of the National Ski Patrol.

Fopp—Martini to you—schussed the chairlift towers so fast the other day that, declared the holder of many racing records, "they all seemed to merge into one solid mass of steel." In case you don't know it, Martini still holds the title of Rocky Mountain champion, having carried away the honors at Aspen last spring.

BIG NEWS—The Chilean ski team will soon be with us. Yes, and with pine needles from the Andes still in their hair. They are langlauping up from below the Equator, it is reported, and when last heard of were sloshing through the swamps of Guatemala. The Chileans arrive in the Sugar Bowl for the week-end of the eighth and ninth of March. We'd better start trying to think up a faster kind of ski wax.

Wal Disney arrived at the Sugar Bowl last Friday for a week's visit. He orbuted along with him the other members of the ski team comprised of Mrs. Disney and little Diana.

## Marine Gunners' Tracer Bullets Light Sky



This is the way marine machine gunners at Camp Elliott near San Diego perfect their marksmanship at night—through use of tracer bullets which draw brilliant patterns of fire.

### SOUTH TAHOE FOLKS MAY GET STATE AID IN ROAD CLEARANCE

TAHOE CITY—The residents of Lake Valley at the south end of the Lake who are shovelling out Highway 50 are still working at the job—undiscouraged though many new storms have added to their task.

Reports are current here that the state engineer is expected to inspect

Diana wears pigtails and seems to keep getting them tangled up with her skis. But though only five, she has already been entered into the state championships next year.

A "Plumas prevaricator" arrived in the Sugar Bowl Saturday night complete with the traditional 12-foot skis and one ski pole the size of a young Douglas fir. Mr. Quigley, owner of the planks, is a distant relative of the celebrated Feather River snow shoe runner, Leonard O'Rourke. Mr. Quigley was forced to take it easy as it was 27 years ago that he had last been out—on skis.

### H & W Philanthropic Club Comments

By MRS. PEARL HELLER

MEEKS BAY—The weekly meeting of the H and W Philanthropic Club was held Monday evening despite the severe storm and a good attendance enjoyed the program.

The ways and means committee for January, headed by Chairman Louise Geier, announced a cake and pie sale to be held at Walt's Meat Market in Truckee on January 25. There will be displayed for sale articles of fancy work.

After refreshments, dancing and games furnished the evening's entertainment arranged by two bachelor members of the club, David White and Tom Skaggs.

Awards went to Mrs. Pearl Heller and Roy Stark, high score holders, and Mrs. Ray Frazier and Phil Geier, low scorers.

### Raleigh Bryan, Meyers Forest Ranger, Deceased

TAHOE CITY—Tahoe residents were saddened on hearing of the death of Raleigh Bryan, genial and well-liked forest ranger of the Meyers Ranger Station, which occurred last week after a long illness. Sincere sympathy is extended to the sorrowing wife and daughter, Miss Annette, who survive.

the job and discern if assistance may be given the project by the state. A matter of twenty miles of clearing by plow would be necessary from Meyers to Twin Bridges. Residents are hoping the state will find it possible to do.

### SNOW CONDITIONS IDEAL FOR SKIING IN LAKE DISTRICTS

TAHOE CITY—The level of Lake Tahoe on Monday, Jan. 13, was 6226.52 feet above mean sea level with two gates open at the Truckee River dam outlet and 97 C.S.F. of water leaving the lake.

Temperatures on Sunday varied from a high of 43 degrees to a low of 32. Precipitation on Sunday totalled .03 of an inch. Twenty-one inches of snow at the lake level on Monday morning remained of the snowpack. Barometers were low and snow flurries fell all day.

Highways are clear all around the lake except at Emerald Bay. Fine, wide stretches of road with lots of room for car parking were plowed out by state crews this week.

Hundreds of winter sports fans took advantage of the fine weather over the week-end to visit Tahoe ski slopes. The new hill and grounds of the Lake Tahoe Ski Club thronged with skiing fans.

### Tahoites Feed Stranded Game in Winter Snows

TAHOE CITY—Game Warden Bill LaMarr is feeding hay to deer that have been snowed in around the lake. Several have been reported at Eagle Rock, at Tahoe Pines where J. E. Pomin is feeding them, and others have been seen at General Creek.

LaMarr is also feeding valley quail whose presence at this altitude is most unusual.

## Lake Tahoe News

by ANNE B. ANDERSON

### Tahoe Region News Briefs

Mrs. Sam Landisberg returned recently from a visit at the home of Mrs. Jack Bell in Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mandeville, Floyd Carnell, Jean and Edna Wheat and Henry Worden accompanied the high school's ski team to Mount Rose on Saturday.

Herbert Obexer of Homewood is attending Stanford University where he is in his junior year.

Miss Eunice Duffee attended the winter sports carnival in Sacramento recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Green are now in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hersey of Fleur de Lac spent the holidays in Fallon with her parents.

John Mackintosh was a weekend visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bechdolt, Jr., from Sacramento.

Among those leaving this week for winter vacations were Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Mayfield who left Sunday; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Henry, who left Thursday for Santa Maria and southern California, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Smith.

Mrs. Truman Sudduth of Denison, Texas, is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Martin Spitsen, this week en route to St. Johns, Newfoundland, where her husband has been transferred by the war department in the engineering service.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wheat were called to Anaheim on Sunday by the illness of the former's father.

Miss Betty Woodruff, who is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Anne Weeden of El Cerrito, is being entertained at many parties and festivities in her honor in that city.

Mrs. Carl Bechdolt, Sr., with her son Billy left Thursday for Pasadena where they will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stephens of Rampart returned recently from a two months vacation trip to San Francisco and bay region districts.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pomin were at their Tahoe home on Monday to meet Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pomin of Tallac who were calling on local friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Vernon returned last week from a visit of several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Atherton of Fallon, Nev. Mr. and Mrs. Tejas Edwards of Lake Forest entertained at a moonlight skiing party on Sunday night.

Guests included Warden and Mrs. William LaMarr, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Haugen and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warner. The evening was spent in skiing over the Lake Forest Meadows, followed by a hot supper and pinocle games at the Edwards home.

Mrs. Charles Warner of Grove St. entertained at a pleasant luncheon and musicale on Tuesday for the following guests: Mrs. Henry Wehrman, Mrs. Tejas Edwards and Miss Florence Vernon.

Mrs. Paul Crandall will entertain on Friday afternoon for the following ladies after a ski trip: Mrs. W. LaMarr, Mrs. E. Haugen, Mrs. C. Warner and Mrs. T. Edwards.

Mrs. Harvel Hull of Tahoe City entertained at a dinner party on Sunday night in honor of the natal days of Mrs. Lloyd Kramer and her husband, H. H. Hull. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wehrman, Linda Kramer and Lloyd Kramer.

### SKI CLUBBERS PLAN TO ATTEND WORDEN BENEFIT SKI MEET

TAHOE CITY—The Lake Tahoe Ski Club met on Friday night and made plans for attendance at the James Worden Benefit Ski Meet at Cisco on Jan. 26. President A. M. Anderson appointed Jess Sisk and Charles Swanson as ticket takers for the meet. Several members of the Sacramento branch of the club attended the meeting.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. J. Sisk and Mrs. Henry Worden.

Kathleen Starratt of the Tahoe club left Saturday for Sun Valley with the members of the California women's team which will compete for the famed Jeffers Cup on Jan. 19.

Helen Worden of Tahoe won the women's slalom race in the I.S.F. meet at Mt. Rose on Saturday. Richard Carnell won second in men's slalom and Helen also won fourth in downmountain competition. Pete Vanni injured his ankle and did not finish.

Out of town guests on the Tahoe Ski Hill on Sunday included Helen Towne, Mary Crittenden, Pat Beauchamp and Maggie Keagle from the bay area; Robert and David Berick and Dan and Don Elliott, all of San Francisco; Bud and Ene Walker of Woodland and Bob Hueston.

A Snow Frolic and golf game on skis is scheduled by the club for next Sunday, Jan. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bechdolt, Jr., left Friday night for Sun Valley where he will enter training for the Jeffers Cup Races on Jan. 19th. Also in the party were Roy Mikkelsen of Auburn and Sig Ulland of the Sugar Bowl Ski Club.

### SNOW SCULPTOR IS AT WORK AT TAHOE INN IN TAHOE CITY

TAHOE CITY—Fritz Eixman, 32-year-old snow sculptor who formerly carried on his work at Sun Valley, Yosemite and Tahoe Tavern is now building his figures of reindeer, elephants, sales, et c., across the facade of Tahoe Inn at Tahoe City. Eixman is full of energy and builds one of his figures in a short time. He has been doing this kind of work over 15 years. For the larger figures such as dinosaurs and polar bears he uses a drawing, but for the smaller ones he merely constructs a frame work of a few sticks and smooths on the snow.

One of the figures he sometimes builds is a 17-foot long dinosaur that stands about ten feet high and is about two feet in diameter. The frame is made of a stick for the tail, one for the body, one for the neck and three small sticks for the head. Wet snow is used in preference to powder snow. The eyes and mouth are made of colored candles.

### Piedmonter Makes Yearly Trip to Buck Island Lake

Victor Wikander of Piedmont arrived at Tahoe on Monday en route to his mountain cabin at Buck Island Lake for his regular winter visit.

Vikander, who is in his sixties, skis the 14 miles to his cabin up Rubicon Road back of Chambers Lodge. There he skates on the lake—Buck Island—skis over the snowy slopes and enjoys the solitude.

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# WINGS FOR AMERICA

by Don Wiley  
MEMBER, AVIATION WRITERS ASSN

Remember the old saw about the chicken and the egg? Well, it bears a marked resemblance to the question of armor plate vs. heavy guns on military airplanes, in that it's mighty difficult to determine which came first.

At any rate, aircraft designers of Europe's belligerents have been loading first one and then the other on their ships since the early days of the war, adding more guns of heavier caliber when the bullets from lighter guns were turned aside by the special steel seathing on pilots' seats and increasing the thickness of that steel when the lead from the heavier guns began to penetrate it.

(Parenthetically, our own aircraft manufacturers have been watching this situation closely, with the result

that American fighters and bombers are being equipped with armor plate and bigger guns, but not to the point where this will hamper the extreme range needed for continental defense.)

The "steel vs. lead" race in Europe has transformed many planes and particularly the fighters into little more than flying gun platforms.

## FLYING GUNS

Germany's Me. 110 is an example. This Messerschmidt is a high-speed twin-engine escort fighter which is also used as a bomber. In appearance it somewhat resembles the California-built Lockheed P38, but instead of being a one-place job it is a two-seater and, when used as a bomber, can carry a third man.

The 110's armament is terrific. In the nose are four fixed machine guns of about .30 caliber and two 20 millimeter Oerlikon guns firing explosive shells. All these weapons are in fixed position and are fired by the pilot. To protect the tail there is a .30 caliber gun mounted on a swivel in the rear cockpit.



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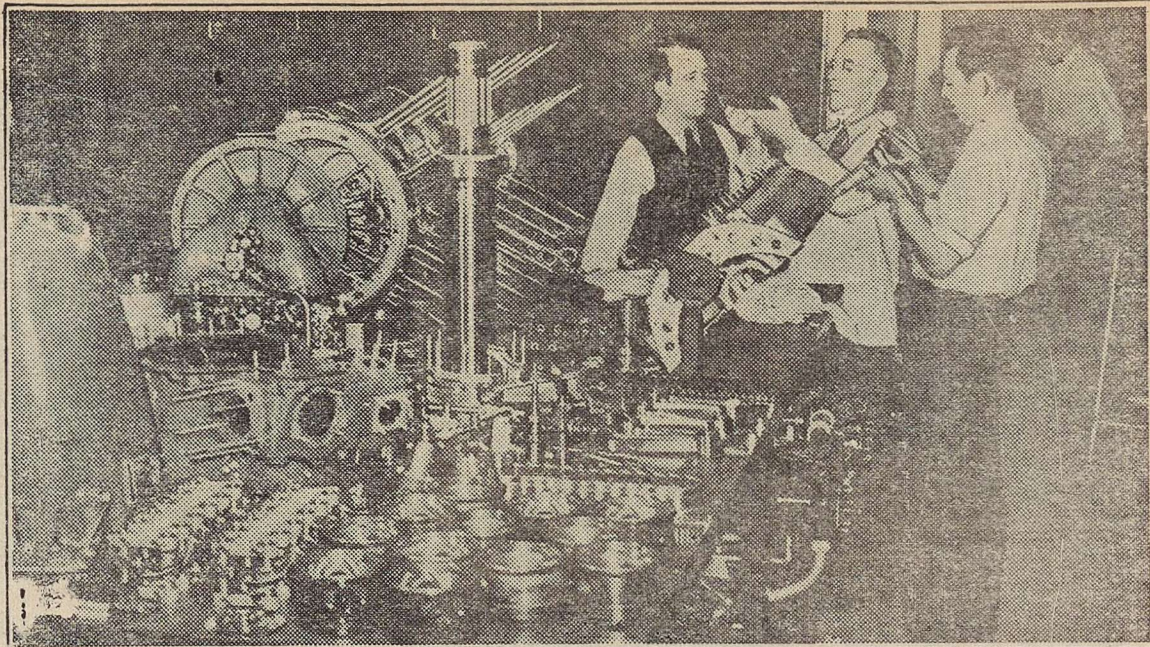
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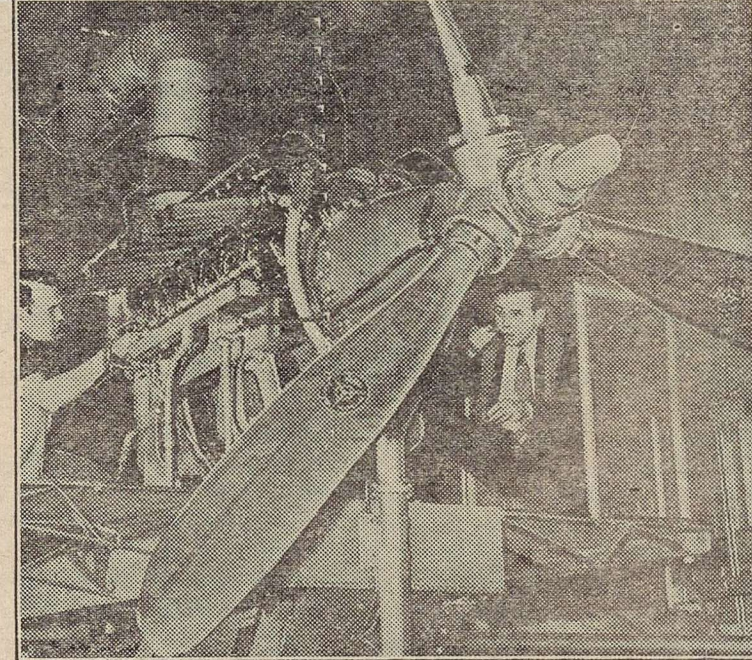
## Making Motors for Air Defense



Appearances to the contrary, these pictures of Allison airplane engines in production are in reverse sequence. At right, a motor being readied for its first test run. Above, the same motor in the "tear down" department for inspection after the run, as required by the Army Air Corps for all aviation engines.

INDIANAPOLIS — Production methods of the automobile industry are receiving their first test in turning out non-automotive defense products at the Allison plant here where General Motors is building liquid-cooled airplane engines at a current rate of 350 a month.

Designed for use by the Army Air Corps and the British government, these engines, the first of their kind ever manufactured in this country, are built to hair-line specifications. Each part is subjected to rigid tests and checks before assembly, and the completed engine is given an eight-hour test run during which it is brought up to full power. Then it is completely torn down, inspected for wear and imperfections, reassembled, given a final acceptance run and packed in



a moisture-proof transparent wrapper for shipment.

Currently employed in the 1,000,000 square feet of buildings occupied by the Allison plant are 7,200 men. Another 1,750 men are making Allison engine parts at the

Cadillac Division in Detroit. A year ago the Allison plant occupied 90,000 square feet of floor space and employed 900 men. By next Fall further additions to the plant will have been completed and new equipment installed.

## Another F. D. R. Ear in London



Colonel William J. "Wild Bill" Donovan, shown eluding questions of British newsmen, like Harry Hopkins is doing some very particular listening in London for President Roosevelt. Donovan is believed interested only in military matters, while Hopkins is presumed to be investigating British peace aims, morale, and Government changes forced by war.

That the United States is the first nation to put a 200 horsepower airplane engine into production?

That the British are waxing enthusiastic about the American designed tricycle landing gear.

When Grant Shaved Beard  
Gen. U. S. Grant liked his beard and didn't want to be seen without it. But once while he was President he shaved it off just to accommodate the treasury department. Officials of the department wanted to use his picture on an issue of paper money—without the beard. So he shaved it off, posed, and let it grow in again. And then—the treasury department decided not to use the picture.

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Rub through a sieve, 1 quart of peas cooked in a small amount of water with a pinch of soda and 2 tablespoons of California grown beef sugar, or use canned peas. Drain and rub through a sieve To 2 cups of pulp add 4 beaten eggs, 4 tablespoons of melted butter, 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt, a little black pepper and a few drops of onion juice. Turn into a well buttered ring mold, place in a pan of water, cover with oiled paper and bake slowly until firm, about an hour. Unmold on a heated platter and fill the center with shrimps and mushrooms as follows:

### SHRIMP AND MUSHROOMS

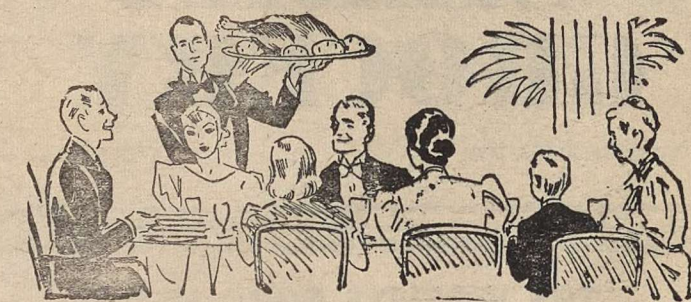
One pound of mushrooms or 1 can of mushrooms, 1 pound of shrimps, two cups of rich milk, 3 tablespoons of butter, 2 level tablespoons of flour, 1 tablespoon of tomato paste, 1 teaspoon of lemon juice, 1 teaspoon of grated onion, 1 teaspoon of curry powder (optional), salt to taste, 2 tablespoons of Sherry seasoning.

Peel the shrimps and remove the center line. Cut in half if you use the large shrimp. Peel and cut the mushrooms and stems into pieces not too small and saute gently in butter, in which the curry powder has been melted for five minutes. Add the flour and stir until well blended. Gradually pour on the milk and add the seasonings and cook to a smooth sauce. Add the shrimps and reheat in a double boiler. Stir in the lemon juice just before serving.

### CRISPY PICKLES

Six large dill pickles, sliced thin, covered with 2 cups of California grown beet sugar, 1/2 package of pickling spice, 3 tablespoons of tarragon vinegar, 1 or 2 cloves of garlic, chopped fine. Blend well and let stand for 24 hours in a crock in a cool place.

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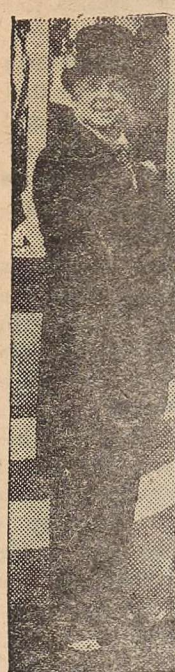
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## The Man At the Keyhole

by OPERATIVE WB  
(California Feature Service Release)



OLSON slashed budget and fought to the death against new taxes, are wondering if John Public will remember who wielded the ax.

Gov. Olson, our spy advises, has definitely decided to be a candidate for reelection, come '41 and (this is the pay off) plans to make his campaign on the slogan "We have balanced the budget and wiped out the deficit." As yet, of course, the deficit hasn't been obliterated, but the defense program boom is booming state income and it might happen—by election day. And members of the Economy bloc in the legislature who

In the event U.S. bombers and fighter planes get the call to go into

battle, California may be due for plenty of attention from saboteurs and enemy raiders—if raiders can manage to hop here. Reason: This state has more airports and landing fields than any other state in the union and would probably be home base for the whole Pacific squadron. And California is also the biggest battle-plane production center in the nation—a natural objective for enemy agents and dive bombers.

When the legislature starts its drive to return relief control to the counties, the state administration may spring a surprise, according to our super snoper, and jump right on the bandwagon. Two years ago, the Olson contingent fought the county relief bill bitterly. But the SRA has proved to be the administration's biggest headache and some of the boys would like to take a sedative.

### Matterhorn Dangerous

The famous Swiss peak, the Matterhorn, was not even approached till the year 1857 and not conquered till 1865, and has been responsible for more fatal accidents since than any other peak in the high Alps.

### FEDERAL AID

California will receive \$5,616,544 in federal aid in 1941-42 for highway improvements and grade-crossing elimination.

## Covering the Legislature

by ALLEN G. THURMAN  
(Assemblyman for the Sixth District)

The first week of the 54th session of the state legislature saw the organization of both houses well underway with some 286 bills being introduced.

Just two of the eighty members of the state assembly were not present on the opening day of the session to take their oath of office, one because of illness. The speed with which the lower house organized indicates the harmony which should prevail during the coming session.

The economy group in both houses is in control, even more strongly than in the previous session, which assures the people that the program of sane legislation and economy in government will continue.

This week Speaker Gordon Garland announced his committee appointments. Your assemblyman was again honored by being appointed chairman of the important mines and mining committee. The Sixth Assembly District comprises the largest gold mining area in the state and as a result this committee is of vital importance to the district.

Two other committees of like importance to the district to which the writer has been assigned are fish and game, and conservation.

We have also been appointed a member of the reapportionment committee as the representative on that committee of the Second Congressional District (Englebright's district).

Other committee assignments given your assemblyman include motor vehicles, commerce and navigation, public charities and corrections, soldiers and sailors affairs, and the important committee on ways and means.

Our total committee assignments this session are nine, as compared to seven during the last regular and special sessions, so we undoubtedly will have a busy time when the committees begin to function.

The writer's first bill will be introduced this week. The bill amends the school code to allow junior colleges to participate in the defense program to the extent of having an R.O.T.C. unit or a cadet corps. The bill is being introduced on behalf of Placer



Assemblyman Allen G. Thurman

Junior College of Auburn, which desires to have military training as a part of its curriculum. The bill will be permissive and not mandatory.

Your assemblyman is also a co-author of a bill to make the state legislature, both senate and the assembly, non-partisan. Assemblywoman Jeanette Daley of San Diego will introduce the bill and she has quite a number of assemblymen as co-authors of this important piece of legislation. The writer has always advocated a non-partisan legislature and we supported a similar bill at the last session which was defeated.

The present legislature perhaps is closer to being a non-partisan body than even the coalition group of the 1939 session. The speaker is a Democrat and likewise the speaker pro tem is a Democrat. The floor leader and the chief clerk are Republicans. The committee chairmanships are divided among members of both parties.

Both the speaker, Gordon Garland, and the speaker pro tem, Earl Desmond, are men of the highest type. Both are happily married and have large families. Mr. and Mrs. Garland have five daughters while Mr. and Mrs. Desmond have three sons and three daughters. They are also agriculturists. Garland is a citrus grower in the San Joaquin valley, while Desmond has a farm in Sacramento county. Speaker Garland is a member of the Farm Bureau and in the 1939 session introduced much of

the legislation sponsored by that organization. Garland was first elected to the legislature in 1936, while Desmond was first elected in 1934.

Attorneys still predominate as legislators in the lower house, there being 26 attorneys who are in the assembly this session. This is four less than last session, when there were thirty attorneys in the lower house. Second in the occupations or professions which make up the body is agriculture, with fifteen members. Your assemblyman is still the lone newspaperman in the lower house, and our seat mate, Jacob Leonard, is the only member of commerce secretary in the legislature. Also in the assembly is one preacher, one undertaker and one druggist, but no doctor.

We have been assigned to office room 20 on the fourth floor, which we share with Assemblyman Michael J. Burns of Eureka, who represents the first district. This is Mr. Burns' fifth term in the lower house and we are glad to have a veteran as our office mate.

Of interest to the people of Mono, Inyo, Tuolumne and Mariposa counties, we are happy to report that George Clarke, who represented those four counties back in 1913 and again in 1923, was again elected to represent Merced and Madera counties. This is his second term as assemblyman from the Thirty-third District. He is a mighty fine friend and able legislator and always cooperates with your assemblyman in matters pertaining to the district.

Another good friend of the district is Assemblyman James Phillips of Oakland, who was born in Sonoma. He represents the Eighteenth District in a most able manner and is always cooperative in matters pertaining to the mountain counties.

The wives of the legislators are not overlooked in activities and around the state legislature. Many of them who accompany their husbands to the sessions can be seen at the daily sessions in seats reserved for them. They have an organization, too, known as the Pals Club, holds a luncheon once a week. Mrs. Jerrold L. Seawell, wife of one of our four senators, was last week elected president of the organization.

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The huge span is the last link in the railroad and highway relocations around Shasta Dam, 10 miles above Redding, and will carry four lanes of U. S. Highway 99 on its top deck and two Southern Pacific railroad tracks on its lower deck.

The upper deck of the bridge will be 500 feet high, a cantilever span 630 feet long. The superstructure will require 17,110 tons of steel.

All concrete piers except 3 and 4 in the center of Pit Canyon have been erected, Ralph Lowry, construction engineer of Shasta Dam reported, adding that the middle piers are two thirds completed.

First piece of steel to be swung into

place was a 24-ton section of a 140-foot truss, part of the bottom chord on the right side extending from the south railroad abutment. The first floor beam of the railroad deck already has been erected.

Northbound trains will pass directly on the bridge from a half-mile tunnel through Bass Hill on the south side of the Pit River Canyon, which will become an arm of Shasta reservoir.

Other railroad and highway relocation projects are progressing smoothly, Lowry said. Roadbed grading, all 12 tunnels, and six of the eight major bridges have been completed. Track has been laid on 25 of the 30 miles of the railroad project, 2½ miles of highway has been opened and the remaining 12½ miles are under construction.

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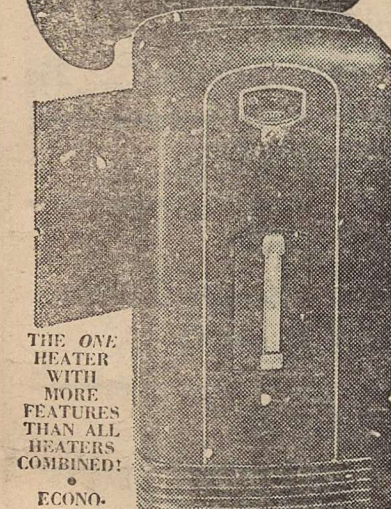
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**WYETHIA CLUB MEETING**

Members of the Wyethia Women's Club are urged to attend the meeting to be held this evening in the club when plans for the annual men's night, Saturday, February 15, will be discussed and completed.

**To Funeral—**

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Snider and son, Edward, attended the funeral of Raleigh Bryan in Placerville this week.

**In Play—**

Bonnie Lee Everett, former Truckee girl, played the lead in the San Juan high school junior class play on January 10th. The school is in Sacramento county.

**In Grass Valley—**

Patrolman A. C. Barrick has returned after a day spent in Grass Valley.

**Chamber to Meet—**

The Truckee Chamber of Commerce will meet Monday at noon at Tony's Coffee Shop.

**PYTHIAN DINNER**

The local Knights of Pythias will be host to the Pythian Sisters and other guests at a dinner program tomorrow night at 7 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall.

**In Golf Tourney—**

John Varella of Tahoe participated in the 11th annual match play open tournament being held at the Presidio golf course at San Francisco. Wednesday was the opening day.

**To Red Bluff—**

Mr. and Mrs. D. Cabona left Friday for Red Bluff.

**Back to School—**

Miss Mary Keetch has returned to her studies at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School after a vacation at the home of her parents Rev. and Mrs. G. J. E. Keetch.

**Guest of McGwinns—**

Mrs. F. Crossman returned to her home in San Francisco recently after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McGwinns.

**WINTER SPORTS TRAILS IN DONNER AREA UNDERGOING IMPROVEMENTS BY SERVICE**

All ski trails and snow playfields in the Donner Trail area are being put in shape for the ski season, according to J. R. Hodgson, U.S. forest service district ranger at Big Bend. About 35 miles of ski trails are being patrolled and all signs warning the public are being overhauled. Ski hazards, such as dead branches, felled trees, etc., must be removed for public safety. Some \$3,000 worth of warning and directional signs are being put in shape.

Hodgson states that recent inquiries seem to indicate an increase of skiers of about 30% over the previous season. The problem of where beginner and intermediate skiers can ski safely will become acute if the expected increase materializes. Too many skiers on any one hill sends the accident rate up noticeably and according to Hodgson some hills last year had to accommodate too many skiers for safety. Also, there is a decided limit to up-ski capacities. On several hills last season skiers had to wait as long as half an hour for rides on the up skis. Since there has been little development this year of new hills, it is expected that overcrowding of the more popular places will be the rule. Development of new slopes this and next season is highly essential to the safety and enjoyment of increasing numbers of skiers.

Hodgson suggests that where any one hill becomes too densely populated for safety and enjoyment, the skiers endeavor to move to other less crowded hills. It is surprising, Hodgson states, how many people insist

on doing all their skiing on one hill. There are other ski areas in the Highway 40 vicinity and anyone finding large crowds on one hill can usually find other hills or ski trails. The ranger suggests, however, that instead of taking off for the back country, which may be dangerous, that regular signed trails be followed. The orange and black triangular markers, posted every 200 feet, can easily be followed, and it may be that the 35 miles of ski trail can provide room for safe skiing this season.

New maps and folders are being prepared and Hodgson hopes to have these distributed to all resorts within the next two weeks.

Hodgson further states that the average skier does not have much conception of the vast amount of work necessary to prepare ski hills and trails, particularly in the rocky country of his section of the Tahoe forest. He also points out that all work accomplished thus far by the forest service has been through use of WPA, CCC and other emergency programs. These programs are rapidly coming to an end and yet absolutely no funds have been provided in regular forest service appropriations to continue work on new hills or trails. Resort owners have done a fine job in providing ski hills in this area but the high costs of clearing and rough grading are usually much more than the private operator can afford. Regular forest service funds will be very essential in the near future, Hodgson states, if our crowds increase in the Tahoe forest as expected.

**CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS BUSY IN WINTER QUARTERS SAYS STATE CHIEF**

The threat and reality of floods this winter will keep a good many Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees hustling in California is the opinion of Regional Forester S. B. Show of forest service headquarters in San Francisco. The 18 national forests of the state are directing work projects in 34 of California's 79 CCC camps.

Enrollees who aren't engaged in emergency projects such as erecting stream barriers and debris dams or repairing flood damaged roads, bridges, stream channel improvements and similar rehabilitation measures will busy themselves with a score of other important winter tasks.

Wood cutting details in all CCC camps are working like beavers to gather fuel for the coming year. Fire breaks will be cleared and the debris burned to protect mountain watersheds from the spread of forest fires that are certain to come next summer. Fires that these same enrollees will give every last ounce of energy to lick.

One of the big jobs in every CCC camp located in forest recreation areas is the construction of campground tables, benches and sanitation facilities; moulding concrete fireboxes for rock stoves, and routing rustic campground and direction signs from slabs of redwood. The handiwork of enrollees is found in 1200 free public campgrounds throughout the national forests of California.

Personnel of all camps located in the high mountains during the summer months are transferred to foot-hill or lowland camps for the winter where enrollees can resume construction and improvement projects on roads, trails, bridges or erosion and flood control works.

A rainy day is never wasted in a CCC camp, said Show. Winter time always finds the camp educational program greatly accelerated with enrollees taking vocational or academic instruction, first aid, citizenship, health and safety training.

Most CCC camps have a number of vacancies at the present time due to the employment of enrollees in private business, enlistment in the nation's armed forces or the completion of their enrollments.

A new enrollment period which began January 2 calls for 1860 junior enrollees and 316 war veterans from California. Applications for enrollment in the Corps are now being received by local offices of the state director of CCC selection.

AUBURN—Suit for divorce was filed in superior court here by Mrs. Imogene Makin of Tahoe City against Gail Makin on grounds of extreme cruelty.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. Franzini of Battle Mountain, Nev., have been visiting at the W. M. Englehart, Sr., home. Monday Franzini accompanied W. M. Englehart, Jr., to Sacramento for a truck load of Acme.

**BEAR LIBERATED**

TAHOE CITY—Harry Johanson and Bill LaMarr took Oscar, the pet bear at Kings Beach, down to Baxters Wednesday where he was liberated. It was getting to be a problem to care for him at the lake.

**CHURCH SOCIETY**

The Women's Society of Christian Service will meet next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Vernon Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Anderson are occupying the Armstrong home near Tahoe City this winter.

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